

## **ABSTRACT**

The Draft RMP/DEIS for the Arizona Strip Field Office, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, and BLM Portion of Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, and a Draft General Management Plan/Draft EIS for the NPS Portion of the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Draft Plan/DEIS) describes and analyzes five alternatives for managing 3,323,091 acres of BLM and NPS administered land in northwestern Arizona, north of the Grand Canyon. Information provided by the public, other agencies, and organizations, and BLM and NPS personnel have been used to develop and analyze the alternatives in this Draft Plan/DEIS.

Alternative A is the No Action alternative and represents continuation of current management. Alternative B emphasizes minimal human use/influence, and potentially provides the fewest miles of open roads and trails and least resource development. Alternative C represents an attempt to balance resource protection and human use/influence. Alternative D emphasizes maximum appropriate human use/influence and the widest array of recreation opportunities. It potentially includes the most miles of open roads and trails. Alternative E, the agency Preferred Alternative, emphasizes minimal human influence and use in the southern and more remote sections of the Planning Area, and more human use/influence in the northern areas and locations adjacent to communities. It attempts to balance human use/influence with resource protection.

Major issues addressed in the Draft Plan/DEIS include management of access, management of areas having wilderness characteristics, protection of natural and cultural resources, management of livestock grazing and recreation.

Area and length figures throughout this document are based on the best available Geographic Information System (GIS) data at the time of publication. These figures are based on the Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 12 projection referencing the North American Datum of 1983. Analysis and calculation have been made on various GIS layers which may or may not correspond to each other. Differences in area or length correlations between the various calculations in this document are due to minor discrepancies between GIS layers. GIS data layers used in this DEIS may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/para> and possibly at [http://www.az.blm.gov/LUP/strip/strip\\_plan.htm](http://www.az.blm.gov/LUP/strip/strip_plan.htm).

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Finally, comments may be made in person at any one of the public meetings. See local media or go to [www.az.blm.gov](http://www.az.blm.gov) or [www.nps.gov/para](http://www.nps.gov/para) for specific dates and locations.